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## Notes from The Editor



### SPECIAL NOTICE

Next week, June 24th, we will run the Young People's Endeavor edition under its own cover. We would like to make this circulation as large as possible, both for the benefit of the house and for the paper itself. Issuing the paper under its own cover necessitates it being entered with post office department for special mailing rate. This also requires a paid subscription list, therefore we cannot operate this paper just by sending out rolls.

We especially insist that all the local churches or Young People's Endeavors that are interested in the circulation of this publication order as many papers as possible and start your subscription drive. This will be necessary if we are to continue the publication. We mean to give it a fair trial, and unless we can build it up on a paying basis thru its subscription list, then it will cease to be published. Remember, single yearly subscription is 60c, yearly subscriptions in club of three 50c each.

It costs more to publish the Young People's Endeavor paper than it does the Evangel, but we will make on this present edition a price of 2½ cents per copy for all papers ordered in time to go out on the regular paper day of June 21st. All orders that arrive later we will charge 3c per copy to cover parcel post rates. Order a good supply and work for the Church of God Young People's Endeavor.

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### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IN AMERICA NOW GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE

NEW YORK, June 11 (AP).—More people in the United States were members of churches at the end of 1932 than at any previous time, reports Dr. George Linn Kieffer, president of the Association of American Religious Statisticians.

A one-year gain of 1,088,594, or 1.82 per cent. was announced in his annual survey made public tonight by the Christian Herald. This, Dr. Kieffer said, was more

than four times the gain registered in 1931.

He noted a total membership of 60,886,445 in the 204 religious organizations of the United States.

The magazine reported that since 1900 church membership has increased 82.5 per cent. compared with a population increase of 65.8 per cent.

The six largest church groups in America, the only ones having more than 2,000,000 members were listed as follows:

Three bodies of Western Catholics, 20,270,718; 18 bodies of Baptists, 9,929,962; 19 bodies of Methodists, 9,088,022; 17 bodies Lutherans, 4,081,242; Jewish Congregations, 4,315,242; 9 bodies of Presbyterians, 2,717,331.

Increases were reported for all principal denominations, with the Baptists showing the largest numerical gain, 256,609, and the Eastern Catholic (nine bodies) the largest relative gain, 47.31 per cent.

The number of ministers was reported at 231,358, a one-year gain of 3,988, and the number of churches at 241,690, an increase of 2,724.

## NOTICES

The West Virginia state convention of the Church of God will convene at Logan, W. Va., July 13-16 inclusive. I am sorry we cannot promise free entertainment to all, but since working conditions are so bad around Logan, we feel that as far as we can go is to provide free entertainment for the ministers. However, we want every one to feel free to come, and if you will bring a quilt and pillow, and a little change in your pocket, you can get by, and enjoy the convention as much as any one. The Lord has been blessing in a great way in the district conventions, and of course we are expecting His presence in a great way in the state convention. Now, we will not be able in the short time we spent in the convention to get all of our preachers on the program. We have many good preachers that we are compelled to leave off, but we trust you will not feel slighted, but will come on and do your best to make the convention a success. Every one please pray earnestly that this meeting will be a time of refreshing and uplifting for the Church of God in West Virginia.—Your brother and coworker in the Lord, H. N. Scoggins, Overseer of W. Va.

The Thomasville district convention will convene at Stephens Chapel near Nicholville, Ala., June 16-18. We expect Brother Harmon to be with us. We also expect all ministers, deacons, clerks, and Sunday School superintendents in the district to be present. All others who can, come.—J. T. Tucker, district pastor.

The Brownfield, Tex. district convention convenes at Brownfield June 16-18. The churches in that district are Lubbock, Slaton, and Brownfield.

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## *Ye Are The Light of The World*

Text: Matt. 5:14

By MRS. R. P. SMITH

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

**T**HESE are the words of our Lord and Master. What a great necessity and a blessing light is in darkness. What is a city without lights? What a wonderful privilege to be children of God and the light of the world, shining and illuminating the dark places of earth. Jesus said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world," John 9:5. "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life," John 8:12. Jesus said He was the light of the world as long as He was in the world, and He was telling them He was going away but the Holy Ghost would come and He would lead and guide them into all truth. Jesus commissioned His disciples to carry on and "occupy till I come." "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." (Notice, end of world.) Matt. 28:20. That includes us as His disciples down here in the end of time. "Teaching them to observe all things" and "ye are the light of the world," "the salt of the earth." A true believer with "signs following" (Mark 16:17-18) is indeed a light in the world shining down into the dark valleys of sin. A true believer of the Lord is as a city set upon a hill. He cannot be hid. His life and influence are reaching out and lighting the pathway of others.

We hear Jesus say, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work," John 9:4. Oh, the mighty works of our Christ! Jesus said, "Father, as thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world, and the glory which thou gavest me I have given them." So as Jesus has called and sent us into the world and has given us His glory, we must work the works of Him that sent us for the night is coming when we can work no more. The dark shadows are gathering and casting their gloominess over the earth. There are souls yet to be gathered in. Get close to God. "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall

flow rivers of living waters," the waters of life flowing out to others. Thank God! "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father," John 14:12. May we ever be able to work the works of Him that sent us, ever let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven. Let us ever stand for the whole Word of God rightly divided, leaving off none, never compromising. I fear there are some who are letting down and compromising with the enemy of our souls. Oh, the awful cost of compromising! Look at the life of Sampson. We see him, that mighty man of power, the thirteenth judge of Israel, a Nazarite, but one who constantly defiled his Nazarite separation thru fleshly appetites. We find him getting out on the enemies' territory and falling in love with a Philistine woman who was an enemy to Israel. We see him as he takes one step after another and as he is tempted and urged by his wife to tell wherein lay his power, we find that finally he told her all, that "there hath not come a razor upon mine head for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb, so if I be shaven my strength will go from me, and I will be like other men." So he lay upon her knees and she caused him to sleep. Oh Sampson, don't you see and realize your danger by laying your head in that undermining, deceiving woman's lap? By compromising he was shorn of his power and knew not that his power was gone. His vision was taken from him for the Philistines put out his eyes. "Where there is no vision my people perish." Next we find him grinding at the mill of hardships and finally dies in captivity to his enemies, the Philistines. Oh, the cost of yielding to the enemy!

Daniel and Job are two who never yielded or compromised, who stood the test with faith unwavering and in the end came forth victorious, wonderfully blessed and used of God. Oh, for more Daniels who will purpose in their hearts that they will not defile themselves with the things the enemy brings up to them, that we can truly be the light of the

world! But in order to live an uncompromising life and let our light shine and glorify our Father in heaven, we must unload and measure up to the whole Word of God and not part of it. We should always be at our post of duty and not fooling around on the devil's territory, for if we do we shall find ourselves getting in trouble. Visit the sick, care for the orphans and widows in their afflictions, keep yourself unspotted from the world, be at church on time, stand by your pastor, hold up his hands and don't rob God, pay your tithes that the ministers of God can stay out on the fields, for surely we don't want the blood of souls required at our hands because we failed to do our duty. There are many things we need to measure up to, ministers and all, and don't forever be making excuses trying to justify ourselves. Excuses may be accepted by people but never with God. We find so many people making excuses. Adam made the first excuse on record, Eve second, when they backslid on God, but did God accept their excuses? No, never, but drove them out of the garden and placed a curse upon them.

We find in Luke 14th chapter where a certain man made a great supper and bade many come but they all with one consent began to make excuses. Then the master of the house became angry and said, "None of these shall taste of my supper, none of these excusmakers. So let us be careful how we excuse ourselves from our duty to God. The Master said unto his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in the poor, the maimed, the halt and the blind' and they came, thank God."

Again the Lord said to the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." Well praise the Lord, there is a place we can get to in the Lord, with such sweetness and power, till as we go in the name of our Lord they cannot resist and will just be compelled to come in. Oh! the compelling power of our God! Let us work the works of Him that sent us, letting our lights shine, never compromising, but lift the standard high and live in accordance to the Word of God. "Ye are the light of the world."

# The Church of God

## Why and Why Not

By R. I. HARRIS

**T**HE world and all the different so-called churches don't like the Church of God. I have been asked why we called it the Church of God. My answer was that we didn't name it and didn't have anything to do with naming it. We found its name in the Bible, not only its name but its teaching.

I believe that the Church of God was the Church that Jesus was talking to Peter about building, for He said, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," Matt. 16:18. Hell and all its forces have been against this Church but they haven't prevailed. The Church of God is still doing business in the world and people are flocking to her by the thousands, praise the Lord.

Almost every so-called church would like to see the Church of God go down in defeat, but they will never see it for she is rising and shining everywhere. Some folks hold the world and their religion so close together that you cannot tell them from the world as they indulge in the same things the world does. The worldly folks go to the movies, ball games, swimming pools and the square dances and many other amusements and you will find members of churches indulging in the same things that the world does. This is the reason that most of the different churches and their leaders do not like the Church of God. It is too strait for them, but I believe Jesus said to enter ye in at the strait gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat, because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it, Matt. 7:13-14, and this is the reason the world doesn't like the Church of God and her teaching. Her gate is strait and the way narrow. Her discipline is so straight that nothing crooked can get thru and so narrow that they can't take anything of the world with them. Let me say right here that I don't mean all the members of the Church of God are what they should be. No, we have hypocrites in the Church of God today, but when Jesus comes for His Bride, which is the Church of God, He will leave all those hypocrites to go thru the tribulation and then be cast into hell. This is how narrow her way is.

Some old critic will jump up and say all churches are the Church of God and they will all be in the Bride. "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints." Rev. 19:8. Read Rev. 7:8, 9. This Scripture tells how the Bride will be

dressed. All who don't fill this description will not be in the Bride of Christ. I believe that the Church of God fills this description.

Now getting back on "why called the Church of God." Christ gave it that name. He had the right to name it as He said He would build it and if He built it He had the right to name it, so He named it after His Father and called it the Church of God. Some folks will say there isn't anything to a name, but I think there is. For an illustration: My name is Harris. Suppose I had several boys and called one Henry Jones and another Bill Smith and another Tom Johnson, all my sons, what would you think of me for not giving them my name?

So the Church of God is the only Church mentioned in the Bible. If I read a Church of God then it would mean a lot of different churches. THE means just one and A doesn't specify any number.

Now I want to give some Bible on the name. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he (Christ) hath purchased with his own blood," Acts 20:28. "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours," 1 Cor. 1:2. "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God," 1 Cor. 10:32. "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God," 1 Cor. 15:9. Paul, why did you persecute it? The reason he persecuted it, he didn't like its name, and all the members claimed to be sanctified, also claimed to have the Holy Ghost. Paul was like a lot of people today who make all manner of sport of the Church of God people and call them all kind of names. There are a lot of so-called ministers who will stand in the pulpit and call us holy rollers and some of the little preachers will tell their flock to stay away from the Church of God meetings.

But poor old Paul became a Church of God preacher and suffered his head cut from his body. I know people who are in the Church of God today shouting the victory who one time persecuted Her just like Paul. But they were honest. They had been led by blind guides and they thought that they were right. The pulpits are filled today with blind guides who will do or say anything to hinder the Church of God. We have some of this kind in my town, so I know what I am

talking about.

All right some more Scripture. "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia," 2 Cor. 1:1. Read 2 Thess. 1:4, 5. "For ye have heard of my conversion in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it," Gal. 1:13. Read 1 Tim. 3:5, Paul says, "Which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth," 1 Tim. 3:15. So with all these Scriptures it seems to me that the Church of God has a very good reason to go by the name she does.

There is a bunch of folks who will sing, "Give me the old time religion," and if you offer it to them, they will say that it is a new kind and they won't have it. I believe I can prove that this Church of God religion is as old a religion as you can find in the Bible. The Lord has always required a clean religion, pure and undefiled. Jeremiah was a prophet of God and had the privilege of looking unto the future and foretelling some things that would take place, so let us notice what he had to say about this old time religion. "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way (not ways, only one way), and walk therein," Jer. 6:16. There are thousands of people who are saying that today, "We will not walk therein."

Now speaking of myself, I was converted when I was just a boy in my teens and joined the church. The preacher taught his followers that they just had to sin and that was all there was to it. I know by experience as long as you commit sin there is no rest for the soul, no real happiness. I saw that I wasn't any better off than I was before so I became dissatisfied with the way. I tried another church but the preacher taught a sinning religion just like the other and I wasn't any better off. I hadn't found rest for my soul. I had stood in two ways and neither one had anything that would give soul rest. There was still an empty place in my heart and these fellows didn't have anything to satisfy this longing. But thank the Lord, I saw and asked for the old paths where is the good way and I am walking therein and have found rest for my soul. Praise the Lord!

I hope these few remarks might find their way to some heart and help them to get out of the ways and get in the way. I ask all the saints everywhere to pray for me. I feel that the Lord has a work for me to do and I want to do it and be submissive to His will. I want to please the Lord. I am not wanting any honor from man. I want all who know the Lord to pray for me.

The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. — Nahum 1:7.

## And Peter Followed Afar Off

By EMMA ZIMMER

Luke 22:54

**Y**ES, Peter followed afar off, and there are many like Peter today, following Christ afar off. We must remember Peter had not been filled with the precious Holy Ghost when He denied his Lord. What about us who have the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4? No, we can't deny our Lord after receiving such a blessing from Him, but do we follow Him as we should? Do we lie on His bosom as John the beloved did? Are we waiting on Him to hear Him speak to us? Are we obedient to His call? Do we read and meditate on His Word as often as we should? or do we neglect the reading of His Word at times? Do we enter into our closets as often as we should? Do we pray without ceasing? Do we visit the sick and afflicted?

Isa. 58:7, 8, 11 tells us, "Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward. And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

Yes, we who have the baptism according to Acts 2:4, are we obedient? Did Jesus not say in John 16:13, "Howbeit when he, the spirit of truth, is come he will guide you into all truth"? We are a great deal more responsible than was poor Peter and the other disciples.

We find in Luke 22:31-34 that just after the last supper Jesus said to Peter, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me." Poor Peter, he did love His Lord and had walked with Him three years. It was he and another one of the twelve whom Jesus sent forth commanding them saying, "And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give," Matt. 10:7, 8.

He could not understand why he should deny his Lord. We read in Matt. 26:56, 57 that when the multitude had led Jesus away to Calaphas all the disciples forsook Him and fled. But Peter and John could not leave Jesus alone when He was suffering so at the hands of the furious mob. When fear enters into our hearts

we are sure to fail.

John went on into the palace but Peter stood at the door without. Then John went and brought Peter in. John 18:15, 16. We must keep close to Jesus if we don't want to fail Him. Poor Peter was afraid to go inside the door. Dear ones, let's keep close to Jesus like John did. During these three years he leaned on His bosom. I realize just now that John was the only one of the twelve that we read of leaning on Jesus' breast.

We find in Matt. 17:1 that Jesus took Peter, James and John and brought them to the mount of transfiguration and let them behold Him, Moses, and Elias. But it doesn't speak of the other disciples. He also took these three to the garden of Gethsemane with Him. As it is today, a few live so close to Jesus that they really, in a way, lean on His breast, have the baptism, live in His very presence and can hear Him speak to them, are led and guided entirely by Him. Then there are others who get wonderfully blessed, get wonderfully saved and sanctified; others get their sins forgiven and are happy in Jesus, but they don't go all the way. Yet, they are all God's blood washed children. Well, poor Peter was saved and warming himself by the fire at the high priest's palace and before he hardly realized what he was doing he had denied his Lord three times. He went out and wept bitterly and that was just the right thing to do. Did you ever know of anyone really repenting of their sin and Jesus didn't forgive them? Hallelujah! He forgave Peter. Jesus was always, and is yet, willing to forgive sin. He forgave the thief on the cross.

After Jesus had arisen from the dead the angel at the tomb said to the women who had come to anoint Jesus' body, "Go tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee." Yes, He forgave Peter because He knew Peter's spirit was willing but the flesh weak. But oh, the joy, when Peter received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost according to Acts 2:4. He preached two sermons whereby eight thousand souls were saved. What's the matter with us today? Following Jesus afar off. Yes, and we have the baptism too. The Lord is just as willing to give us as many souls as He did Peter, if we would only believe and obey. If we have a two or three weeks' revival and ten or fifteen get saved and a few sanctified and baptized, how happy we are. We should be ashamed. With the precious baptism the same as Peter had, we should be ashamed of ourselves. I wonder if they ate three square meals a day while in the upper room. Why so much power in these two sermons? The church today needs to fast and pray more. Well, you say, these are awful days and the devil fights so hard and souls are gospel hardened. That may be so, but God is still on His throne. His power has never been limited. He still gives us power over all the power of

the enemy and Jesus is still interceding for lost souls. I have seen people claim to be Pentecostal who didn't live the life at all. Dear ones, there is a counterfeit dollar, but we don't throw away the good dollars because there are counterfeit ones. I have heard sinners say, "The Pentecostal people do this and that." Yes, the counterfeit do, but I believe every blood washed child of God who goes on and gets sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost wants to go on. If all would live the life that they profess, and stay so close to God that the glory of heaven would shine in their faces and sinners could feel the very presence of God when they come in contact with them, then God could manifest the gifts more in the church and signs would follow more. This world would be stirred for God, the devil would be defeated and God's name glorified.

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### SAINTS FIND REAL JOY

HALF ACRE, Ala.—I am praising the Lord for victory in my soul. I'm so glad for the time God saved, sanctified and filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I know I have salvation for I feel it in my soul. I can never praise the Lord enough for what He has done for me. I have been on my way to heaven ever since Oct. 14th one year ago. By the help of God I intend to make heaven my home. Though I have some dark roads to travel sometimes, praise the Lord, I get right down on my knees and talk to the Lord about it and the way will brighten up and then I travel on.

We had all day service the second Sunday in May. We had Brother J. T. Tucker and wife and Brother E. J. Walton with us. I think both of them are God-called men. Sunday night we had feet washing. I feel like the Lord was right down there with us. Three were added to the church. Well, I can never praise the Lord enough. Dear saints of the Church of God, pray for me to get closer to the Lord, and pray for my husband to get saved before it is too late and for my two boys and three girls to get saved.

Our church at Half Acre is on fire for God. Pray for it to grow. Glory to God, we surely have some good prayer meetings. Sometimes the power falls so strong it seems like heaven on earth. Oh, how happy it makes me to be in these meetings. If sinners won't give up the worldly ways for a Savior like this I don't know what to think of them. He can heal you when you are sick. What a wonderful Savior!

My daughter was sick the other day and the Lord healed her, praise the Lord. I feel like shouting yet. Oh what a blessing I did get, no tongue can tell. Pray for the Lord to make a way for me to get me a Bible as mine is torn up. If there is anything I can do to help any one to see the light, I hope the Lord will show it to me for I surely do enjoy salvation. Pray for me to trust the Lord with my body and soul for I know He is able. Pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. G. Huckabee.



## As The Days of Noe Were

By MISS LULA JOHNSON

"As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed," Luke 17:26-30.

This scripture shows that the Savior has selected the two most corrupt periods in the world's history as illustrative of what we are to see in "the day when the Son of man is revealed." The evil condition of the world in the days of Noah is plainly set forth in another scripture. Of that time it is said, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Gen. 6:5. Then in Noah's time, no matter what the people may have been, God "saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth." The darkness of the picture is shown still more fully in the further statement that "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil." Such was the condition in that time that there was in mind no pure and holy desire, when "ev-

ery imagination of the thoughts of the heart was only evil." What could be worse? It may not be pleasant at the outset to contemplate that those conditions in the time of Noah will be repeated in the days in which we are living but it is always best to be right first and above everything else, we should not fail to grasp the fact that the Lord has warned us that "as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man."

But we have not read all of the description of the wickedness that existed in the days of Noah. It is further stated that, "The earth also was corrupt before God; and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth," Gen. 6:11, 12. "The earth was filled with violence and all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." Such are the utterances of this scripture with reference to the condition of society in Noah's time. Because men had become hopelessly corrupt, degraded, God was obliged to destroy the race with a flood. The kindness of mercy could devise nothing that would save the people. Goodness no longer appealed to them. The right, the pure, and the holy was only an object, and if we allow ourselves to believe the Word of God, we may know that "as it was in the days of Noe so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man."

### DOING WONDERFUL WORK FOR THE LORD

LANDO, S. C.—We praise the Lord for the revival that closed here some time ago. The Lord surely did bless from the beginning. I think there were about eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost. The crowds were good. Brothers Porter and Charles White were in charge of the meeting. We had good preaching, singing and music. We were more than glad to have the White boys with us. They are doing a wonderful work for the Lord. We want them to come back again. Anybody wanting a revival will do well to get them to hold it for you. We also want to praise the Lord for the way He blessed our home coming day Easter Sunday. We began service about ten o'clock with songs and prayers. We also had some good music by the Lando string band. We had some real singing by the B. T. S. quartet No. 2. The Stover string band came from Rock Hill and gave us some more good music. At eleven o'clock Brother W. D. Childers of Blacksburg brought us a wonderful message on "The Resurrection." Then Brother Whittington, our state overseer, preached the dedication sermon and dedicated our building to the Lord. We had dinner on the ground which was very much enjoyed by all.

After dinner we went to the creek and saw about fifteen baptized and heard a real good sermon on "Water Baptism" by Brother Yates of Greenwood. We write all this for the glory of God and no other purpose. Pray for us and the work at Lando that God will continue to bless.—Your humble brother in His service, Ben Sprouse, Box 191.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION ENJOYED

The Florida East Coast Sunday School convention convened at Lake Worth, Apr. 23 with state superintendent, H. L. Chesser, in charge. As the folks began to gather and greet one another the sweet fellowship was glorious. The convention opened at eight o'clock with songs and prayer. The welcome address was given by Mr. Rice Councilman of this ward which was appreciated. He gave a welcome to visitors to visit any part of the town they might desire. This was followed by a welcome address by Brother Chesser which was appreciated. By this time every one was, I am sure, feeling at home by the glories and shouts of praises that were ringing out.

The first speaker on the program was Brother R. E. Drymon of Coconut Grove. His subject was "Responsibility and

Duties of Superintendent and Teachers." This was enlightening, helpful and inspiring to all. Next Brother Connatser from Ft. Lauderdale spoke on "Duties of Teachers" which was so helpful, appreciated and enjoyed. Then it was, seemingly, that every one's soul was so filled with joy. We were dismissed for dinner. From the looks of the table it looked like old man depression had been driven away.

We gathered again for the furtherance of the work of the convention. We had calling of the schools and delegates. The schools were Coconut Grove, Ft. Pierce, Vero Beach, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Pompano, Bannauieu, Lake Worth. One other school on the district which was Okeechobee started with forty-four delegates but they had truck trouble and didn't get here. We want to take this method of thanking them and their pastor for putting forth such an effort to get here. May God's richest blessings rest with dear Brother Kerce and all the rest of the brothers and sisters.—C. G. Prince, pastor, Lake Worth, Fla.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL OBSERVES RALLY DAY

Rally day exercises were held in the Stafford church, Sunday, April 30th under the auspices of the Sunday School, which reported the largest average attendance at the Linden, Fla. district convention recently held.

All day services began in the forenoon with a spiritual and inspirational sermon by Brother Bradley. Following was a sumptuous repast in God's out-of-doors, under the spreading branches of great trees. A program in charge of the leader, Sister Lulu Jones, was enjoyed by all present. A large delegation from the Crystal River Church of God added much to the pleasure of the occasion, in their renditions of vocal and instrumental music.

The evening service was largely attended and opened a series of evangelistic meetings, in which Brother Bradley will assist the leader. Prayers are ascending that a glorious ingathering of precious souls may result from these efforts.—M. J. Opie.

### DISTRICT CONVENTION

The annual district convention of the Church of God of the Huntington, W. Va. district convened at Garrison, W. Va., April 28-30. We report victory throughout the entire service. Praise the Lord! God met with us the first night and began pouring out His Spirit. It continued until the closing prayer. He blessed us with a spirit of song, the singing manifested God in a wonderful way. Many soul feeding sermons were delivered by different brothers who gave the Word backed up by the power of God. The Word found its way into the hearts of listeners. Sunday afternoon we had the report of the churches. Each church was reported and it was enjoyed by all.—T. J. Meade, district overseer in charge, G. G. Patton, clerk, Garrison, W. Va.

## THE WHALE BEGINS TO VOMIT

JONAH'S extraordinary experience typically foreshadows the history of the Jews. A depository of truth and promise they were raised a peculiar people unto God so as to witness to all nations. Like Jonah who refused to fulfill his divine commission in preaching to Gentile Nineveh, even so Israel failed God, departing from His Word till its religion degenerated to a meaningless form. Jonah fled into a ship but the Lord sent out a great storm; even so all nations were convulsed with upheaval from the Babylonian to the ruthless Roman conquests and it went ill with the Jews throughout that Maccabean period as with Jonah in that storm-tossed vessel. Israel finally was completely cast out from among the nations, after the destruction of Jerusalem, as Jonah was thrown into the deep. Scattered over the earth, wanderers and unwanted the Jews have suffered untold hatred, persecution and massacre for near three days of a thousand years each, corresponding to the days Jonah spent within the fish. In the Gentile whale's body politic and social the Jew has proven a troublesome problem, keeping stubbornly separate and to this day unassimilated by the countries of their adoption even as Jonah proved most indigestible to the great monster.

Now among the species of the Genus Cetacea are two whose morphology, dimensions and habits would make them ideal hosts for Jonah. One is the sperm whale, the other the whale-shark or Rhinodon Typicus, both 70 feet long. Mr. Bullen, an authority, states that the sperm whale often vomits up the contents of its stomach when dying and this is true of the whole family in general.

Gentile nations will soon be in the throes of their death struggles. The increasing anti-semiticism in Europe with cruel Jew-baiting in Germany, Austria and Roumania shows this Dispensation to be nearly ended. The great Gentile whale is beginning to vomit in earnest. It must expel its Jonah, the Jews, at once its most aggravating and irritating problem; but true to type, that very act when com-

plete will be its death. God will force them till emitted out in large numbers. He said He would send fishers after them. Hitler hatred is unkind; fishers are never too kind to fish, nor too careful.—W. E. B. Clibborn.

## ENCOURAGED TO GO ALL THE WAY

BENNDALE, Miss.—The Church of God, Benndale, Miss. wishes to make mention and thank God thru the pages of the Evangel for a very interesting and appreciated meeting conducted by our state evangelist, Brother W. R. Fowler. The meeting began on Monday night following the South Mississippi state convention and lasted into the fourth week. However, there was some loss of time during this series but the break did not altogether hinder from having a good revival. People of God were very much encouraged to go all the way with God. Sinners were impressed with strong admonition to get right with the Lord and live a life for God.

Brother Fowler is a real man for the cause of God and has the stickability. His preaching and the line of messages created great enthusiasm and people who had always shunned holiness belief were made very much interested, the altar being filled at most every interval. Four prayed thru to victory and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Conviction was great, the messages being so directed that some of our good Methodist friends regretted that all their church members weren't there to share a portion of the truth and receive a blessing from the sermon. The church was deeply impressed with a series of doctrinal messages which, if treated with respect of truth, will serve as seed sown and a greater harvest later.

I wish to state also that Brother Fowler was a great help to us in our Y. P. E. It seems from his ability that he has had quite a bit of experience which, I am sure, must be so, as ten years as a pastor in the Church of God gives a chance, and experience is a good teacher.

If any should need a revival and want

a good revivalist, Church of God man, just send Brother Fowler your invitation. He stands foursquare for the Bible and is interested in the development of the cause. We want to thank the Lord for His directing us a revival in these spring months when all seemed so slow after a hard winter.—Humbly thy brother, John L. Hillman, pastor.

## IT TOOK FASTING AND PRAYING

I wish that all you dear Evangel readers could have stepped in and enjoyed the wonderful seven weeks' revival that just closed here at this church in Ft. Myers, Fla. This was the greatest revival that I have ever had the pleasure of participating in. The quickening power of the Holy Ghost was wonderfully demonstrated. It was a real Pentecostal feast to the church and a time of great conviction to sinners. There were twenty-three filled with the precious Holy Ghost during the revival. The following Tuesday after the revival closed we had communion services. One dear brother whose wife had been praying for him twelve years, was wonderfully filled with the Holy Ghost. Oh, praise the Lord for ever! We failed to keep an accurate account of all who were saved or sanctified. Twelve were baptized in water and sixteen added to the church. Glory! The last night of the revival there were twenty or thirty people in the altar crying out to God. We feel that it was a success in every way because the Lord was there.

Everything in this revival wasn't shouting. It took lots of praying and fasting along with the shouting. At the first of the revival the devil tried in every way, but thank God, the dear saints prayed until their prayers went thru. Things weren't progressing so good until God came on the scene and baptized seven with the Holy Ghost one night. Brother E. W. Williams, our state overseer, started the meeting, preached several nights and had to leave us to take care of his state work. He departed from us but we still had God's Spirit with us. Our pastor tried to get another preacher but the devil hindered. The Lord came to our rescue and sent Brother Jones, pastor of Naples, Fla., to come to this place. He stayed with us for about six weeks. God anointed him with a soul stirring message nearly every night.

I am praising the Lord today because I am redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb, because I have something in my soul the world can't give or it can't take. I wouldn't give my experience for this whole world because that is just what I had to give to get it. Jesus is coming again to take the ones who are following Him away. Please pray for me that I might be ready.—Miss Melba Jean Clemons, Ft. Myers, Fla.

## CONCERNING THE WORK AT THE PUBLISHING HOUSE

Possibly our people on the field would like to know how business is progressing in the Publishing House. Everything is going good and they have more work than they have ever had at this season of the year, more work than the regular force can take care of. Brother Clark is handling the business with the greatest of care, proving that he is a good financier and we are expecting the best financial report this year, considering the extra increase and expense of the business, that the House has ever made.

Some have asked about the little book "Practical Handbook for Ministers." This book was compiled by Brother Clark and printed by the House. It belongs to the Church of God Publishing House. All money derived from the sale of this book and other literature that he has compiled and printed since he has been in the Publishing House belongs to the Church of God Publishing House.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.



## TESTIMONIES



### FOUND JOY IN THIS GOOD WAY

I truly thank and praise God for His wonderful healing power. I am nineteen years old and I have had kidney trouble all my life. I tried almost everything but nothing seemed to do me any good. I never seemed to have much faith in divine healing, but two of my sisters had been healed of kidney trouble so the third day of May I went up for Brother Rouse to pray for me. Thank God, He touched my body and I haven't been bothered since. I thank God I am healed.

He didn't only heal me of kidney trouble but He also healed my eye. I had an awful cold and almost lost the sight of my left eye. Brother Rouse prayed for me on Saturday night and Sunday I could not tell there had ever been anything wrong with it. Praise God!

About a week ago a little sore came in my nose. It bled and was so sore I could hardly touch my nose. I kept thinking it would get well. It was such a small sore I was ashamed to go up for Brother Rouse to pray for it but it didn't get any better, and last night I went up for him to pray for it. I told him about it and he told me to feel and see if it was sore. I felt but could not find it and praise God, I haven't found it yet. Brother Rouse didn't even lay his hands on me. I can't begin to tell how much I love and how I thank Him for what He has done for me in such a short time.

Only four months ago I was so badly against holiness and the Church of God. My two sisters who had the Holy Ghost could hardly get me to go to church with them, and when I did go to the Church of God I would say, "I don't think I will ever go back there anymore," but, thank God, one day He showed me that it was right and made me so hungry for the Holy Ghost I thought I would die before I got it. Praise God, He baptized me with the Holy Ghost the fifth of February and I came in the church the nineteenth of February.

I am not a bit tired of this good old way and I don't believe I ever will be. I praise God for everything. I can never doubt His healing power since I've seen so many healed besides myself. Pray for me that I'll just be what God wants me to be and that I will trust God for every thing and stand true regardless of the cost. Praise His dear name!—Yours in Christ, Bertha Rebecca Duke, 268 Carroll St., Akron, Okla.

### READY TO MEET JESUS

N. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for His healing power this morning. I had been in bed two months and had a girl doing my work, but two weeks ago the Lord wonderfully healed me and now I am doing my work. Dear ones, it is just like Him to do this for you if you will trust Him.

I thank Him also because of the Holy

Ghost that comforts in these hours of trouble. I can say this, if Jesus should come or call, I feel that I would be ready to meet Him. My husband and I desire your prayers.—Mrs. E. B. Harbour.

### FOUND SWEET PEACE

COLUMBIA, S. C.—I praise my Savior this morning. He means so much to me. After going to many other churches and hearing the Word given out just any kind of way and hearing a sinning religion preached, I thank God for being invited to the Church of God just a little more than a year ago. The first time I went there I felt something I had never found anywhere else.

The pastor, Brother Looney, began a revival the next week which was last May, 1932. I never had gotten in such a lovely crowd of brothers and sisters in my life, and Brother R. G. Looney, thank God, preached the Word straight and clean like God gave it to him, direct from heaven. Conviction seized my heart and I fell in the altar and God wonderfully saved and sanctified me thru His precious blood and a few nights later He gave me the blessed Holy Ghost. I praise God I still have victory over sin and the devil. I find in Jesus all I need, bless His name! He is with me in times of sickness and health.

I thank God for our Y. P. E. here. The Lord surely is blessing us. We have a fine president, Brother Lonnie Shull. He is a wonderful worker for the Lord and our pastor and his dear wife are good people. They surely have been a blessing to the Church of God, bless their hearts. We do love them. Please pray for us that He will continue to bless us here.—A sister in Christ, F. Baughman, 822 8th St.

### HAS DETERMINATION TO PRESS THE BATTLE

NOCATEE, Fla.—We have just closed a meeting here. We had Sister Myrtle Whitehead and Sister Pauline Jackson and all who know them know they are real evangelists. The good Lord has few like them. Their singing, playing and preaching was wonderful. The meeting was a success. Several were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Four were baptized in water and four were added to the church. We are glad that the church was spiritually built up by these sisters. We can tell that the church has a greater determination to press the battle for lost souls. We have some here in the Church of God who can't be beat for straight living and standing for the doctrine the Church teaches.

Our pastor, Brother John Padgett, is one of whom we are proud for his clean living and hard preaching. He surely preaches close, but we know it is the Bible and we have to brace up and take

on new courage and pray that the Lord will help us to go thru at any cost.

Brother Padgett has helped us to build our church over, also a parsonage and we do not owe so much as to be in a strain to pay each note when due. We would be glad to recommend these two sisters to any church in need of real honest help. They left for their homes for a short rest, then they will hold a meeting in Greenville, S. C. We will be glad to have them back with us again.—Yours for greater work for the Church, W. W. Hatton.

### I'M LOOKING FOR MY SOON COMING KING

ANNISTON, Ala.—I truly praise the Lord this morning for what I feel just now, for the joy bells of heaven ringing in my soul now. I am glad to say I am still saved, sanctified and have the sweet Holy Ghost, thank the Lord, and a booster of the C. of G. Y. P. E.

We have a nice Y. P. E. here of which I am president. I praise God for the young people here. We were very glad to have our state superintendent with us Easter Sunday, Brother Colon Dunn from Alabama City. We believe Brother Colon is trying to do his very best in this good work so let's help him and stand by him in every way that we know how. He brought us a good message Sunday morning which was enjoyed by all. We met at five-thirty p. m. and had our Y. P. E. meeting until seven o'clock. Then we began our Easter program. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way for which we give Him all the praise.

Come on Y. P. E. workers, who have the fire and the real Holy Ghost, let's work while it's day for the night cometh when no man can work. Let's pray hard for these young precious girls and boys who have wonderful talents and need to be using them for God in His great service and not for the devil. I have talked to young girls who have once had this good feeling in their souls and have gone back on God. They tell me that they are going to give up to God sometime but not now. Friends, I'm afraid you are going to put it off too long. He said, My Spirit will not always strive with man, but it will take its flight. The devil tells me, "Oh you could have a good time. You are throwing your life away." I wouldn't take anything for this good feeling in my soul.

I've had this good Holy Ghost that has led me and guided me for thirteen years. I received the blessing when I was seven years old. I have a greater determination to fight for the truth and right than ever before. Oh! I'm looking for my soon coming King. How I want to be ready, spotless, holy, sinless and I want to be sure. I feel like now if He should come I could meet Him in perfect peace. Oh, I feel His great presence now. I do want to do my best for Him. I desire your prayers that God will keep us in the center of His holy will.—Miss Lorena Newman, 1720 Moore St.





## In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

### MISSIONARY CALL

"As they ministered to the Lord and fasted the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called thee. And when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them they sent them away. So they being sent forth by the Holy Ghost departed." Perhaps that is the trouble, why we are not having more success than we are having in sending out missionaries and in raising missionary funds. This incident occurred in A. D. 44 or eleven years after Pentecost. It will be seen by examining the pretext that God's prophets and teachers were not only ministering to the Lord, but that they were in fasting and prayer, and only after we give ourselves to that kind of a ministry will we actually know the mind of the Lord and be able to cooperate with Him.

God had already called Barnabas and Paul for the missionary work. He has likewise called many today who are standing waiting for some church to assume the responsibility of sending them to their field of labor. It is the duty of God to call and provide missionaries to be sent, and then it becomes the duty of the church to send them. I am wondering when we are going to get back to that manner and custom of doing things as practiced by the pattern Church. We claim that we are it, and we bear its name, and we claim its experience and if we are, and have such experience, then we should bear such fruit as was found within the early church.

One of the most outstanding features was that it was entirely one hundred per cent missionary in spirit. These are sad times as the whole of civilization is preyed upon by the spirit of the Antichrist which not only holds in darkness the heathen nations, but there is

### A WITHDRAWAL OF MISSIONARIES

There is a withdrawal of missionaries by different church organizations. The Methodist church a few years ago supported sixteen hundred missionaries, they have recalled all but six hundred of them. The same is true of many other church societies, they are likewise recalling their missionaries. We ask the reason for all of this. Certainly it is not that the Christian church is itself financially in worse condition than was the church of the first century, but there is a lack of consecration on the part of the church in fasting and in praying which produces the willingness of heart to give to the missionary cause. It is no wonder that James said of the rich, You have heaped treasures together for the last days. Your riches are corrupt and your garments are moth-eaten." Think of a professed

Christian with his gold and silver cankered, the rust of which shall be a witness against him in the day of judgment. Rust here represents riches that have not been in use, laying stored back.

The lack of fruit from missionary giving renders those that have not given bare in the day of judgment as evidences by the treasures being rusted. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, ye have nourished your hearts as in the day of slaughter. While multiplied millions of heathens who do not know their right hand from their left perish for the lack of the Gospel, multiplied thousands of professed Christians spend their money in pleasure, excess food, clothing, automobiles and finery.

### RESPONSIBILITY

The command to evangelize the world was not given to Methodist or any other church organization other than the Church of God which embodies all inspired New Testament authority and doctrine, and in the light of the decline among other church societies, it remains that unless that part of the Christian church that is in the world today, which bases its religious experience on nothing less than full salvation, goes to the rescue of heathen nations, they will be isolated and cut off by Antichristian teachings and destroyed without hope.

Let us for Christ's sake and in His name be more given to prayer about the mission cause and more active in our effort. Times may be hard, but we can do far more than we are doing. Our mission funds are low, they stay that way because our efforts are insincere and of a punitive form which is not ample to meet the needs. After all, we will be minus the adornment of new and added sheaves in heaven when the day of coronation comes because we have not been generous and faithful in our effort. All the local churches and conventions are called upon to respond and rally generously to the aid of the mission cause.—Mission Sec.

### NEWS FROM JAL, N. MEX.

On March 23 we started a revival in Jal. Brother Tom White did the preaching until April 3, at which time Brother Martin, pastor of the church at Hobbs, N. Mex., arrived and did the preaching throughout the week, until the following Saturday morning. Brother White preached for us over the week-end, also the following Monday night. Brother Martin was here for Monday night service but due to illness did not take charge until Tuesday night, he then continued the preaching service until the following Saturday morning. Brother White preached for us Saturday night and Sunday

morning. Brother M. E. Drake came over from Carlsbad, was here in time for the dinner which was served in the church yard and enjoyed by all present. Brother Drake, our state overseer, preached for us Sunday afternoon, and Sunday night at which time the revival closed.

We are glad to say the revival was a great success and the best one ever held in Jal, N. Mex. There were six souls saved, five sanctified, and three filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Brother White set a church in order Sunday morning, April 16, and eleven persons were added to the church who had never belonged to the Church of God before. There are several to be transferred from other places to the new Church at Jal. Brother White will be our pastor and we believe that the Lord is going to give us a good work at this place. All the saints pray for us that we may continue to stay in favor with God and that other souls here may see the light and walk therein.—Clerk Asst.

### SAINTS LABORED EARNESTLY

Our meeting held at Elkins, W. Va. resulted in the converting of thirty-one. We opened fire on the devil Feb. 18. Sister Sadie Freeland, evangelist from Littleton, W. Va. and her daughter, Grace, had charge of the services every night but two. The enemy was surely stirred as the Gospel message went forth night after night. Attendance was good throughout the services. The building would not seat all the people. Conviction fell impartially on the sinful part of the congregation; the power of God also fell to the extent that many were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence according to Acts 2:4. There were thirty-one saved, eleven sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost.

No doubt this was one of the best meetings to be held at the church in Elkins for some time. The saints labored earnestly in the vineyard of the Lord. One man and his household were saved according to Acts 16:31. Eternity only will prove the good that was done in this meeting. We were glad to have with us some of the folks from St. George, W. Va. We also enjoyed having with us the colored quartet from the Shiloh Baptist Church of this city and Ira Heeb. We hope that he will come this way again soon.

We heard many comments made during the service on the special singing and music that was rendered each night by Brother and Sister Freeland and their daughter, Grace, and Virgil Hanger. The meeting lasted four weeks. We closed on March 12. Observants of the Lord's supper and feet washing seemed to be blessed. Any one desiring a revival would make no mistake in securing the services of Sister Freeland. Every one please pray for the church here at Elkins and especially for the pastor, A. T. Little.—Yours in Christ, A. T. Little, 1401 Taylor Ave., Elkins, W. Va.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### REVIEW: JESUS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR

Scripture: Acts 13:23-33.

Memory Verse: John 13:15.

Golden Text: All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.—Matt. 28:18, 19.

Leading Thought: Jesus was true to the trust committed to Him by His Father, and fully accomplished the work He came to earth to do.

V. 23. "Of this man's seed hath God according to his promises raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus." The purpose of the apostle was to link Jesus as Savior with Old Testament promises, thus proving the reasonableness of accepting Christ as Savior. He points out a succession of deliverances through the judges and kings of Israel; he further continues that Christ is a fulfillment of promises already made unto David, thus placing Christ in line as the actual Son of David, the Messiah and Savior of Israel.

V. 24. "When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel." The apostle here uses John as the connecting link between the Old Testament promises as mentioned in Isa. 40:3; Mal. 3:1, thus pointing out the ministry of John as preceding the ministry of Jesus, and that the coming of Jesus was in harmony and complete fulfillment of such promises.

V. 25. "And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am?" knowing that all men were musing in their hearts of John whether he were the Christ or not (Luke 3:15). John was desirous to remove any supposition that he was himself the Messiah, therefore, he is emphatic, "I am not he." He desires that the people center their eyes upon the coming One. Paul takes advantage of such argument to strengthen the faith of his hearers, thus preparing them for the acceptance of the ministry of Jesus immediately following the death of John. But, "Behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am not worthy to loose." Paul uses John's explanation that Jesus was to follow behind him, using at the same time the weight of the fact that "all men, held John as a prophet" (Luke 20:6; Matt. 21:26; Acts 10:37). They would not like to discredit John as a prophet, he, therefore, uses him as a decisive factor in enthroning Christ as the coming Messiah. If indeed many were persuaded and really believed that John was the Christ, they might even now accept his witness of Christ, since they admit His coming in believing that John was He. (John 1:19-28).

V. 26. "Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent." The apostle here appeals unto his hearers as "men and brethren," "children of Abraham," and broadens out

to whosoever \* \* \* feareth God." His appeal is one of contrasting reason, based on the fact either of their relation as brethren, children of Abraham, or as those who "fear God." As children of promise they may not treat God's provision lightly, as God-fearing they will not; it is, therefore, one of pure reason based on the "word of salvation," "the word which God sent" (Acts 10:36).

V. 27. "For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him." The apostle here centers blame on "they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers," which are comprised of both "scribes and Pharisees" and the under-Roman powers, for condemning Christ. This, however, he cites as a fulfillment of the "voice of the prophets." See Ps. 22; Isa. 53:5; Dan. 9:24-26; 1 Pet. 1:10-12 which follows in consecutive order as proof that Christ was the coming Messiah. The prophets, he says, "are read every sabbath day," through whom they have learned of the advent of Christ as the Savior of the world, the death of whom more completely fulfills the voice of the prophets and makes the acceptance of Him as Savior all the more a necessity and reasonable.

V. 28. And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain." From Luke 23:5 we learn that Pilate gave verdict saying, "I find no fault in him."

V. 29. "And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepulcher." The reference here is to such scriptures as tell of His sufferings, death and burial. See Isa. 53:12; Ps. 22; Ps. 69:21.

V. 30. "But God raised him from the dead." Here is the emphatic attestation to the miracle of resurrection, followed by proof of His rising by many witnesses.

V. 31. "And he was seen many days of them (Acts 1:3) which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem." Those here meant are the apostles themselves, whose special duty it was to witness to His resurrection (Acts 1:21) with others who no doubt were from Galilee. See Matt. 28:7-16; Mark 16:7. He was seen first of Mary (John 20:11-15), then of Peter on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24:15; 1 Cor. 15:5), then of the twelve, "after that he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once" (1 Cor. 15:6), perhaps in the mountain in Galilee. The twelve alone constitute the apostolic witness.

V. 32. "And we declare unto you good tidings." What was declared to be "good tidings unto all people" in Luke 2:10, is here in progress unto the Gentiles who were in the mind of God "blessed with faithful Abraham" and his seed.

V. 33. "God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children." The promises made in connection with Christ and His redemption as affecting Israel, the apostle here asserts that "God hath fulfilled." The actual setting up of the Davidic kingdom could not follow until there was "reconcili-

ation for iniquity" and the bringing about "of everlasting righteousness" through the shedding of the blood of Christ to cleanse those unto whom that promise was made. The promise of a literal kingdom was based on redemption by blood. The earnest of all the promises made by God unto Abraham and his seed were in progressive fulfillment at the death of Christ. The apostle is particular to point out here the conclusion of the whole of these promises; that they look through the church age and end with the fulfillment of the Davidic promise by saying, "As it is written in the second psalm, 'Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.'"

Then follows the vexing of the nations and the actual setting of the King upon Zion. He here gives a panoramic view of the voice of the prophets beginning with "our fathers" while they dwelt in Egypt, passing through the national life of Israel; the crucifixion of Christ as King, followed by "the glad tidings unto all people" and the enthronement of "my Son" in Acts 13:33; and Ps. 2.

### FROM THE HARVEST FIELD

I am glad to report victory in my soul this morning. I want to sound a note of praise for the dear Lord who has wonderfully blessed here at this place, River View, four miles from Marked Tree, Ark. I truly thank God for His mercy and goodness to us here in this place. There were fifteen saved and twelve filled with the Holy Ghost. God truly sent Brother Wiley E. Wright for this harvest of souls. The revival closed at the end of three weeks. We feel that there were seed sown that will do good for God.

God manifested His mighty power during the revival. I have a praise in my heart for the Lord. He has done so much for me and my family. I can't start to tell the lost souls how great our Savior is to us. God healed my body this week of chills. It seemed hard for us saints here to get victory over it, but God knew our hearts and touched his body. I give God the praise for all this sweet peace that reaches me just now.—I remain a sister in Christ, Mrs. Maben Eagle, Marked Tree, Ark.

### INFLUENCE OF CHURCH MADE STRONGER

DUNN, La.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival here with Brother and Sister J. M. Cockerell of Weatherford, Tex. in charge. The Lord was with us in a special way and many souls were blessed. Twenty-one were saved. Brother Cockerell did some good preaching which was enjoyed by all who attended. We feel sure the influence of the church was made stronger. We appreciate the hearty cooperation of the Baptist minister, also the Baptist people of Dunn.

We were glad to have with us one night Brother and Sister Waters and other B.T.S. students enroute to Texas and New Mexico. Last but not least, we wish to express our appreciation for the excellent service rendered by Brother Nathan Robinson as choir director.

We feel sure that any one in need of an evangelist will make no mistake in securing the service of Brother and Sister Cockerell. Pray for the work here.—I am yours in His service, E. M. Tapley, pastor.

## SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

WARRENTON, N. C.—We thank the Lord for answering prayer. A Church of God was organized here by Brother John McDowell in April. We surely do thank the Lord for sending him here and we believe He is going to bless us if we hold on and pray and not faint. We have only four members and don't have any building yet, but we are working to get one, so pray for us, dear saints, that God will bless and have His way.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. C. C. Inscot.

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The Dayton, Tenn. district convention has come and gone. It convened May 27 and 28. We had the state tent and our state overseer, T. S. Payne, was with us. All the pastors were at their best. We have seven churches in this district and all the pastors were present. Brother Payne delivered a wonderful message to the churches, which was enjoyed. The convention closed with handshakes and good-bye.—Joe L. Porter, district pastor, Sale Creek, Tenn.

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FOX, Va.—On May 6 Brother B. M. Woolwine came to this place and we began a battle against the devil, but thank God, we got the victory. There were eight saved, nine sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and ten added to the Church of God. The Lord surely did bless in giving

ing out the message. I believe Brother Woolwine is a God-called man.—Willie Haldaway, clerk.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Our revival has just closed here, with Brother R. E. Worley of Frank Clay, Mo. in charge. There were eight saved, four sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. More hungry souls are looking this way. Brother Worley preaches the Word in its fullness. If you wish him for a revival write him at the above address. The church has built up wonderfully since Brother Floyd Bird came to be our pastor. We as members intend to stand by him and hold him up in our prayers. Pray for us here that many more souls may be blessed and added to our number.—Your sister in Him, Myrtle Graves, clerk, 4311 Suan Ave.

We are in a revival at the Church of God at Greenwood, S. C. The Lord is blessing. Twenty have been saved, twelve sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and we are looking for a greater revival. We are holding on to God. We can't afford to turn loose until victory comes. Several are under conviction. Pray for them and pray for our pastor, Brother R. E. Lovell. We thank God for him. He is having a battle with the devil but the Lord is still answering prayer. Pray for our meeting.—Your sister in Christ, Laura Bogwell, Greenwood, S. C.

### SAINTS GLORIOUSLY BLESSED

The Waycross, Ga. district convention began Saturday evening, April 15, with songs and prayers after which Brother R. P. Johnson preached one of the best sermons I think I have ever listened to on "The Shepherd and the Sheep." How God did bless! I think I have never heard any message in all my few years I have been trying to preach that helped me to see my duty, and not only my duty, but also my happy privilege to watch for and care for the sheep. I want to say the spirit of that service is still helping me. Oh God, help us to be better shepherds. After this message there was an altar service and both shepherd and sheep felt their need of drawing closer to Jesus our Chief Shepherd.

At ten o'clock Sunday morning the service began with songs and prayers after which the welcome address was given by the writer, and surely the folks felt welcome by this time. Then came time for the different speakers. Brother C. C. Johnson, one of the local preachers, spoke on the "Hurtfulness of Selfishness." After this came Brother J. Crews with a message on "The Hurtfulness of Jealousy." They made a number of good points on these messages and said lots of good things. Then came Brother R. P.

Johnson with a message on "Divine Government." He showed the many things needed and how God had supplied and would supply them if we were willing to be guided. The hour for the table to be spread came and say, it did not look like hard times to me.

At two-thirty we began singing again and oh, how the waves of glory did roll thru our souls. After this good song service a report was made of all the churches. An offering was taken from all churches which amounted to \$3.60 for missions. Brother Johnson preached on "The Second Coming of Jesus" Sunday night to a large congregation. This message was delivered under the mighty power of the Spirit and many came to the altar for prayer.

Many of the precious saints were graciously blessed in this convention and said it was among the best ever held in Waycross. For this we truly thank the Lord. Then came the time when our hearts were made heavy, when we had to say good-bye. But we said good-bye with a resolution that if we never met again in a convention at Waycross we expected to go to one Assembly in the skies where there will be no good-byes. Again, we surely did appreciate the cooperation of all the saints and their friends. May

the Lord bless them.—Humbly thy servant, D. W. Mills, 716 Homer St., Waycross, Ga.

### WE OWE IT ALL TO THE LORD

The Church of God at Ft. Myers, Fla. would like to drop in a word of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for the excellent Sunday School we have, the largest in the state at present. We owe it all to the Lord because we know He did it, but we think He did the greatest part of it thru our president, Mrs. Maggie L. Chesser. She did all she could to get people to Sunday School and while they were there she always told them about Jesus. She surely made a wonderful leader, always on time with a word of encouragement to the young and the old.

One day she promised the Sunday School a Rally Day providing every member would work hard and increase the Sunday School to two hundred. It was the last Sunday in the quarter and her time was up, but we had two hundred and fourteen in Sunday School so on April 23 we had our Rally Day. Sister Chesser gave all the churches in town a special invitation to our church on this day.

Sunday School opened at nine forty-five with two hundred and seventy-five on roll and with the presence of the Holy Ghost. Many others dropped in after Sunday School from other churches for the services throughout the day. At eleven o'clock the county judge, David Elmer Ward, gave a very interesting talk to the Sunday School which was greatly enjoyed by all. After this a long table was spread just outside the tabernacle and there we had an old fashioned feast or in other words, a real good dinner. By looking at this table you could not tell that a depression had ever struck here. But the Lord promised to supply our needs if we would only trust Him.

After dinner a good number of the young people gathered around the piano playing and singing for the glory of God. At two o'clock the pastor of the First Baptist church, Rev. C. T. Tew, gave us some good thoughts on "The Qualifications of a Sunday School Teacher." Next we had several songs by different quartets. At three o'clock the pastor of the Edgewood Methodist church, Rev. E. N. Philpot, spoke for us. He did not have a subject, but we enjoyed his talk very much. To end the afternoon service our choir sang, "The Harder the Battle the Sweeter the Victory." While we were singing the power fell and every one received a blessing from above.

Sunday night our pastor, Brother P.W. Chesser, preached an inspiring sermon on "The Forsaken Christ." The Holy Ghost worked in a wonderful way. By saying this was a wonderful day is putting it very mild because it was wonderful and glorious. We felt something that we cannot write or tell.—A servant of Jesus, Miss Melba Jean Clemons.



## REQUESTS

We are now in a revival at the Church of God at Petersburg, W. Va. Brothers J. F. Bova, Brown Riggham, Bun E. Hicks, and others are helping in this battle. We ask the saints of God everywhere to especially pray for our success and that God will give us a wonderful revival here.—J. M. Kile, pastor.

I ask all who believe in divine healing to please pray for God to heal me of asthma. I have had it almost as long as I can remember. I began trusting the Lord for healing when I was saved a little over a year ago. He has healed me to a great extent but lately I have been getting worse. I know He can heal if it is His will. All please pray.—Mrs. Velma Williams, Rt. 1, Garner, Tex.

A revival is in progress here. Several have been converted and sanctified. Please pray that the Lord will give us the greatest revival this church has known. W. E. Raney, overseer of the Bahamas, in charge.—William T. Auten, pastor, Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, Bahamas, B.W.I.

I want all to pray for me as I have some kind of breaking out. Pray that God will heal me. There is no Church of God here. Pray that God will send a preacher here to preach to these lost souls. Pray that my husband will find Jesus. Pray that I will stay humble to Jesus.—A sister who loves the Lord, Pearlle Dungan.

I ask prayer for my healing. I think I have pellagra on my feet again, and this morning my mouth is sore but the Lord can heal that too.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. A. B. Chance, Rt. 1, Box 50, Cleveland, Miss.

I am twenty-three years old and have just found the Church of God. A year and a half ago I joined the Catholic faith but it didn't satisfy me. I have been praying with my brother who belongs to the Church of God and am saved. Pray for me to get the Holy Ghost and be healed of a nervous condition which will not permit me going around people. When these spells come on me I can't talk or walk. I have to stay at home on Sundays by myself and can't go to church. I want to go. I am with my sister now but have been away from my folks six years. Whiskey has been my medicine. I know there is a cure for me and I want it. I turn to Jesus to help me with my condition and request the prayers of the brothers and sisters of the Church of God.—Jesse H. Bonham, Rt. 2, Jesup, Ga.

We are in a revival here at Great Falls, S. C. and we request your prayers that many souls will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother T. V. McCormick from Lando is in charge. Pray that the Lord will bless him in giving out the Word in its fullness.—

Yours under the blood, Pearlle Mae Miller, Box 84, Lando, S. C.

Brother Stamper of South Lebanon, O. is in a revival here. Pray earnestly that God may crown his labors by saving souls, sanctifying them and baptizing them with the Holy Ghost.—Preston Short, 2021 Home Ave., Dayton, O.

We are in the midst of a good revival here and ask the saints to pray that the lost will be saved.—Earl Brewer, Moorhead, Miss.

I ask the people everywhere to pray for me. I've had something wrong with my eyes for several days and pray for my family that we may get closer to the Lord. If Sister Lynch sees this please drop me a card so I will know where you are.—A brother under the blood, L. C. Blazer, Rt. 1, Swifton, Ark.

Please pray for the Lord to heal my sick body. I haven't had a good night's sleep in about a week. I have been trusting the Lord ever since 1910 for my whole body. I mean to trust Him to the end, if I never get well. If any one wants to write me within the next few days, write to 324 Barnesville St., Thomaston, Ga.—Mary Lynch.

## A HARD BATTLE FOUGHT A GREAT VICTORY WON

I want to report victory at Brighton, Mo. We started a revival Feb. 20. Sister Alice Williams from an Independent Mission in Springfield, Mo. did the preaching. God honored the Word with demonstration and power. The devil surely did get a black eye. There were ten saved, eight sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost and five reclaimed to the Holy Ghost. Brother J. B. Clark, our former pastor, and Brother Thomas Schreiber, our present pastor, were with us part of the time during the revival. The meeting closed March 12.

Brother Milligan, our state overseer, and four of the good brethren from Desloge, Mo. came over at the close of the meeting and gave us two nights' service. We surely did enjoy the good singing and music. An opportunity was given and thirteen came in the church. Sister Williams came in the Church. She is a real evangelist and any one needing a revival would do well to get in touch with her. Brother Milligan and the good brethren who came over with him went to Springfield and gave Sister Williams three nights' service at her Mission. Bro. J. B. Clark is there now in a revival. We are looking for a church there in the near future.

Brother F. M. Mead, our district overseer, came over April 8. We had our quarterly meeting and the Lord's Supper and feet washing. We had baptizing on Sunday. Three were baptized in water and eight more were added to the church, making a total of twenty-one from this revival, all grown people, men and wo-

men, for which we give God all the glory. Brother Clark did the baptizing. All who read this please pray for the little church back in the Ozark hills near Brighton.—O. C. Swadley, Rt. 1, Brighton, Mo.

## A VICTORY NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN

SOMERSET, Ky.—I am glad this morning to report to the Evangel family the best meeting that has ever been in Somerset, Ky. for the Church of God. Time after time I did my very best to secure an evangelist that I felt could give us good results for our church, but always resulted far below what I wished. When I gave up as a bad job of ever having a sick-killing, soul-sweeping revival the Lord sent "Happy" Tom Brooks here, and we began a meeting that started with victory, and that lasted for three weeks. It would have gone on for a time if he had not been engaged elsewhere.

Sister Edwards and I had just closed a two weeks' meeting with small results when Brother Brooks came. Brother Brooks' entertaining equipment was two drums which he beat himself and a tambourine which his wife played. He had his brother-in-law, Brother Hoher, for his singer for altar songs. He gave good service and the people loved him. The crowds were large from the beginning to the end and were largest at the closing of the meeting.

The altar was filled most all the time with hungry seekers inasmuch that there were seventy-two conversions, twenty sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost and thirty-eight added to the church. Our record number in Sunday School stood at one hundred and forty until this revival which moved it up to one hundred and fifty-seven. The men's class ran up to a goodly number.

We had feet washing and communion service which was greatly enjoyed. I believe there has been a bow tied in this revival that will never be severed. There has been a great melting of hearts and much union that hasn't existed here for some time. It seemed that all the holiness people of this town were in sympathy and love with us inasmuch that it was impossible to tell us apart. They all rendered real good service in testimony, working around the altar, asking people to the altar, praying and singing.

We had two baptizings. Brother Brooks and I were in the first one. We took the candidates into the water together and Brother Brooks would baptize one and I one at the same time until sixteen were baptized, then the next Sunday Brother Brooks baptized the eleven and there are more yet to follow in baptism. Others are talking of coming into the church. The church has won a victory never to be forgotten. We solicit the prayers of all who read this that we will always triumph in Jesus until we may be presented to Him a glorious Church without spot or wrinkle where we will meet all who love His appearing.—Starling Smith, pastor.

### CONVENTION TO BE LONG REMEMBERED

The Big Island district convention of the Church of God convened at Big Island, rural district, Friday, Apr. 7, 1933 at ten-thirty a. m. Moderator and state overseer, Brother W. J. Milligan, opened services by concert prayer and congregational singing. The welcome address was given by district overseer, Brother L. W. Lane. Response was given by Brothers W. J. Milligan and the writer. Many good specials were fully enjoyed. We had a good praise service and then a sermon by Brother R. C. Ogle on "Banner of Love." The presence of God was greatly felt.

At seven p. m. services were opened with some good lively and spiritual singing as well as quartet singing. We had a sermon by Brother G. P. Gower, pastor at the Bonne Terre Church of God, on "The Signs of the Times." Brother W. J. Milligan then followed with a sermon. The mighty presence of God was felt throughout these two messages that closed with an altar call.

Saturday, April 8, at ten-thirty a. m. services opened with congregational singing and concert prayer. A message on "The Blood" was given by Sister Bohannon which was greatly enjoyed. The writer then followed with a message on "The Need of the Hour." Afternoon services were opened as usual. A number of young ministers were present and each were given five minutes to talk. The Lord surely did bless them. We're looking forward to some staunch ministers as they continue to progress. The report of the district churches and general instructions from the state overseer followed. At seven p. m. congregational singing, concert prayer and special songs opened the evening's discourse in worship and praise to the Lord thru a praise service. We had a sermon by Sister Victoria Weible followed by Brother G. P. Gower. Both sermons were very impressive which resulted in an altar call.

Sunday, April 9, after the opening of the services a Sunday School lesson was given from the pulpit by Brother R. C. Ogle, state superintendent of the Sunday Schools. A liberal offering for the orphanage was taken. A good basket dinner on the grounds was enjoyed. The afternoon services were opened as usual followed by a sermon by Brother Starcks. The church building was then dedicated by the state overseer thru a brief sermon and dedication prayer by the congregation.

At eleven p. m. we had congregational singing and prayer. Testimony service followed led by Brother L. W. Lane. The Lord surely did bless in the expressions of all by making His Spirit known in the services. We had solos, duets, trios and the Cantwell quartet rendered an important part during the services. The convention closed by a sermon from the state overseer on "Our Spiritual Location." After results throughout the services were rather good. This convention I'm sure

will long be remembered as the good Lord was surely with us.—Evangelist Marvin E. Porter, Bonne Terre, Mo.

### SOULS REAPED FOR CHRIST

BAYARD, W. Va.—Dear Church of God folks, this is the second revival at this place. It was launched Jan. 22 and lasted six weeks, closing March 9. Brother J. M. Kile of Petersburg, W. Va. was in charge. He is our pastor, also district overseer. We had a wonderful meeting. There were some remarkable cases of healing wrought and a good many saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We don't have an accurate account of them but we have ninety-eight members now. Thirty were added to the Church of God in this meeting.

We also have a Y. P. E. that is going good and an Adult Bible Study with fifty-four members. We also have a fine Sunday School.

Last Sunday, April 30, we had Brother Bun E. Hicks with us for two services. He surely has the message for the time we are living in. We are expecting Brother Hicks back to give us a few days' meeting soon.

I thank the Lord for the great Church of God and for the unbroken fellowship I have had with its members that I have come in contact with. I am looking forward to the great day when we shall meet to never say good-bye.—Yours in Jesus' name, Z. H. Moon.

### IF WE UNDERSTOOD

If we knew the cares and trials,  
Knew the efforts all in vain,  
And the bitter disappointment,  
Understood the loss and gain—  
Would the grim eternal roughness  
Seem—I wonder—just the same?  
Should we help where now we hinder?  
Should we pity where we blame?

Ah! we judge each other harshly,  
Knowing not life's hidden force;  
Knowing not the fount of action  
Is less turbid at its source;  
Seeing not amid the evil  
All the golden grains of good;  
And we'd love each other better  
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives  
That surround each other's lives,  
See the naked heart and spirit,  
Know what spur the action gives,  
Often we should find it better,  
Purer than we judge we should,  
We should love each other better  
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives,  
See the good and bad within,  
Often we should love the sinner  
All the while we loathe the sin.  
Could we know the powers working  
To overthrow integrity,  
We should judge each other's errors  
With more patient charity.

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Among the "teeming" millions of people in this world who see the approaching storm bursting upon the once peaceful horizon, sending the rain of sorrow, poverty and destruction, there are a few, God's chosen, who look up with a smile, knowing the voice of God as He thunders out His mighty judgments upon a sin cursed race, seeing the fulfillment of the predictions of God's prophets and messengers. With anthems of praise we lift our heads toward heaven and exclaim "Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen."

I am praising Christ for His glorious Church He is coming for when She reaches the state of perfection. When all of His gifts are in working order, the Church clean, spotless and without a wrinkle, we will hear Christ say, "Come away, my fair one, my dove!" O beloved, just to be able to escape the tribulation period is worth our living for Jesus alone.

Six years ago the Lord wonderfully baptized me with the Holy Ghost and healed me of an ingrowing goiter and another affliction when the doctor told me it was impossible for the Lord to heal me in the condition I was in. About four years later He led me to the dear Church of God and soon called me into the Gospel work. Like Abraham of old, I had to leave my kin and journey toward the promised land. But the Lord has delivered me and kept me by His power and I am still fighting as a young soldier in the ranks against sin and Satan.

In April we entered a two weeks' revival at String Town, Ky. conducted by Brother Noah Simpkins, a real Church of God preacher and his wife. The building was filled from the first night. Oh, how the Holy Ghost did anoint Brother Simpkins for every sermon he preached. God put His approval upon the sermons by Holy Ghost messages and interpretations.

The sick were prayed for. An old lady who had been paralyzed for two years in her left side, arm and leg was prayed for and wonderfully benefited. She could not walk a step or even move her chair but she can now move her chair over the floor, sleep well at night and get in and out of bed, something she was unable to do before. While holding her hand two of her crooked paralyzed fingers became straight. Others were healed of different sicknesses. God is working in String Town. Many signs and wonders were wrought by the hand of God too numerous to mention.

The last sermon preached was on the Church of God. Many are getting their eyes open to the Bible Church and they need your prayers. We are expecting great results from the seed sown at String Town and judgment alone can reveal the good done by our dear Lord who deserves the praise, glory, and honor for all things. Pray for me that I'll be a bold soldier in the battle front for my Captain Jesus Christ the Son of God.—Your humble sister in Christ, Chelsea Creech, Williba, Ky.

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Will convene at Alabama City, Ala., July 21-30.

W. W. HARMON, State Overseer.

**NORTH LOUISIANA STATE CAMP MEETING**

Will convene at Epps, La., July 21-30

J. B. COLE, Overseer

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The General Overseer is expected to be with us Aug. 1-4

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Will convene at Akron, Ohio, July 27-30

The General Overseer is expected to be present

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The Big Springs convention convenes at Big Springs June 23-25. The churches in that district are Big Springs, Sweetwater, and Abilene. Everybody is cordially invited. We expect the presence and power of God in every service. Come and enjoy the good blessings with us. We expect the preachers, deacons, and all officials from each district to be present.—Your brother in Christ, J. C. Coats, overseer of Texas.

To the saints of God around Nettleton, Ark.: We expect to have a special meeting on July 4 and you are invited to come. We expect to have several ministers present. Pray much for the meeting, and come expecting the Lord to bless. Bring a full basket with you so there will be dinner enough for all present. We want to make a special drive for missions.—Your brother in Christ, L. F. Young, pastor.

The Alabama state Y. P. E. convention will be held the first Sunday in July. All Y. P. E's. come and bring programs. It will be held in Alabama City, Ala. July 2.—Alabama state superintendent, Colon Dunn.

The Northwest convention of the Church of God of South Dakota, North Dakota, and Canada will convene in Minot, N. Dak., from 7:45 p. m., June 30, thru July 9. We have secured the curling rink which is located two blocks east of the county courthouse. The building is 160x120 in. size. It is so arranged that we will use an auditorium 60x160 and the remaining part of the building we will use for camping purposes. Campers will have space to place their beds and also their cooking materials, so as to be able to board themselves if they wish. The space will be rented to campers for the sum of approximately \$2.00 for the entire convention. An entertainment committee will arrange for rooms very reasonable for those coming who do not wish to camp. These rooms will be secured as close to the camp as possible so the walk will not be far. All campers will be obliged to furnish all their equipment except straw ticks. We will rent straw ticks out to campers at 25c each. Campers will be expected to bring blankets for the purpose of making partitions in partitioning off their rooms. We will have a large lunch counter on the grounds. We are also planning on feeding the preachers and their wives free of charge. We will have many principal speakers from various parts of the country; namely, Maryland, Delaware, South Dakota, Canada, Minnesota, and Tennessee. Brother Latimer and Brother J. H. Walker will be with us again and they are bringing others with them to make the assembly that much more interesting. The special music will be beyond words. A thirty piece orchestra will render special music.

We are expecting this assembly to far exceed any we have ever had. Those wishing further information, write Miss Helen Swanson, Grams Apt., No. 15, Minot, N. Dak., chairman of entertainment committee.—Paul H. Walker, state overseer, Minot, N. Dak.

**WANTED:**—Boy or girl musician to travel with evangelist. For further information write at once. Good opportunity for some one.—Orion L. Alewine, Box 142, Lavonia, Ga.

The Columbus district convention will convene at Pisgah Springs church near Eupora, Miss., June 30-July 2 inclusive. Every one come. On Sunday there will be service all day so everybody bring a well filled basket. Following the convention a revival will begin with Brother T. M. McClendon, state overseer, in charge of the convention and revival.—District pastor, B. H. Lott, Eupora, Miss.

To my many dear friends who have been sending me requests for prayer and handkerchiefs for anointing: I have changed my address from 1328 17th St., Detroit, Mich. to Gatewood, Mo., Rt. 1, Box 77.—A. A. Carpenter.

We will have all day meeting and basket dinner July 4 between Blue Sulphur and Barnardsville, at Ezra Johnson's. Every one is invited to come. We are expecting a good time in the Lord so come and bring a well prepared basket. Our overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, will be with us. We would like for all the preachers in the Huntington district to be with us. Come one and all and let's have a good time.—Ezra Johnson, Rt. 1, Barboursville, W. Va.

The Church of God at Bon Air, Tenn. will have home coming day Sunday, July 2. We will also begin our revival on that day, with Brother T. A. Richard in charge. We would be glad every one would come to our home coming that possibly can, and we especially invite our state overseer, Brother T. S. Payne. Come and let us make this a great day for the Lord, and don't forget to pray for the success of the revival.—E. D. Bennett, pastor, Star Rt. 2, Sparta, Tenn.

We would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of A. D. Chavis. If not heard from by next conference his name will be excluded from the church roll.—B. T. Fulmer, Aiken, S. C., clerk of Earl church.

We would like to hear from the following as to their spiritual condition: Brother E. C. Thomas, Sister Annie Clemence, and Sister Pearl Norfleet.—P. H. Walker, clerk, Lumber City, Ga.

Dear Evangel readers, be it known that Stanley Brown and wife are not with me any longer in the evangelistic work.—Mrs. Amelia Shumaker, Church of God

evangelist, Pitts, Ga.

The North Louisiana state camp meeting convenes July 21-30 at Epps, La. We ask that all revivals scheduled on this date be cancelled. Every minister in the district will be expected to be present. Bring a good representation and report of your church. We are having some good revivals in the state. We believe God is going to give us a great camp meeting. Free entertainment will be furnished for those coming from a distance. We expect visitors from some nearby states at least, as Texas, Mississippi, and Arkansas. Come, let's make this the best ever. You are welcome.—J. B. Cole, overseer of La.

**CORRECTION:**—A mistake was made in copying the report for the orphanage for May, 1933, in giving 37c credit to S. S. Cramerton, N. C. for orphanage when it was intended for S. S. tithes. The proper change has been made on the records here, giving credit to the proper fund.—Gen Sec.-Treas.

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## DEATH NOTICES

### MIDDLEBROOK

My husband passed away May 9. Brother Brown and Brother Willie Thomas preached his funeral.—Margaret Ellen Middlebrook, Williamsburg, Ky.

### WOODRUFF

Lela Monteen Woodruff, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Woodruff of Millsap, Tex., died March 10, 1933, being five years and one month old. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Douglas of Weatherford church; interment in Brock cemetery.

### WOODRUFF

Uncle Edd (R. E.) Woodruff died Mar. 2, 1933, being sixty-six years, and eight months old. Interment in the Hill cemetery.—Children, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Woodruff, Millsap, Tex.

### CRONE

Mildred Crone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crone, Clayton, Ga., died May 9, 1933, age twelve years, eight months, and eight days. She was a member of the Church of God at Davis Gap. Funeral was conducted by pastor, J. E. Ledford. Interment in Liberty cemetery.—Mrs. J. E. Ledford.

### YANCEY

Leta Fay Yancey died May 16, 1933, age four months and five days. Funeral was conducted by Brother John Sharp, interment in Mission cemetery.—Her cousin, Miss Cora Peel, Mission, Tex.

### TOUCHED BY HIS DIVINE HAND

I wish to sound a note of praise this morning for what the Lord is doing for us at Shady Grove. The Lord has proven Himself to be the same Jesus that went to the grave of Lazarus and said, "Lazarus, come forth," also the same Jesus that said, "Damsel, arise." We thank God this morning for His dear Son Jesus. There was a young man living not far from us who had T. B. for some four or five years. He had been in bed for six months, wasn't even able to feed himself for three months. Part of the time he was so weak he couldn't even move his hand and couldn't raise his head at all. His name was Hixon Smith. He believed James 13:15, so he began calling for prayer, but only asked those who felt uncondemned before the Lord to pray for him.

Some of the saints from Shady Grove went and prayed for him and the Lord began to work. Oh, glory to God! On one Monday afternoon just seven of the saints went to pray for him. He asked when we arrived if we believed God could bring him out of that bed before sun down. We told him "Yes, God could instantly raise him up," so he said, "I believe God is going to raise me up this afternoon." He asked all who didn't believe it not to enter in prayer with us. We went before our all powerful God and He came on the scene in a wonderful way. The great miraculous power of God took charge and he sat upright in bed unassisted. We let God do the work and we prayed.

He asked for his clothes and dressed himself, reached for his shoes, put them on and got up by himself. He walked out on the porch where the sinners were, also walked all over the house unassisted. Oh glory to God! Most every one who knew him said he could never get up, but thank God when we started to leave his home he walked out on the porch and watched us drive off. Oh, how we do thank God for that wonder working power that is able to raise the sick out of death's door.

Pray for us at Shady Grove to stand true and nestle closer to our great Savior for we realize the field is white unto harvest. More willing workers are needed. We do want to stand in the heat of the battle.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Tye Amason.

### WIDE-AWAKES BEAR MESSAGE ON

CRUM, W. Va.—I wish to report a ministers' meeting of the Mingo-Wayne district which convened at Crum Church of God, May 6-7. It was a great success. There was great unity among the saints and ministers as they gathered in from different churches. Brother Roy Marcum, our district pastor, had charge of the services. He said many good things.

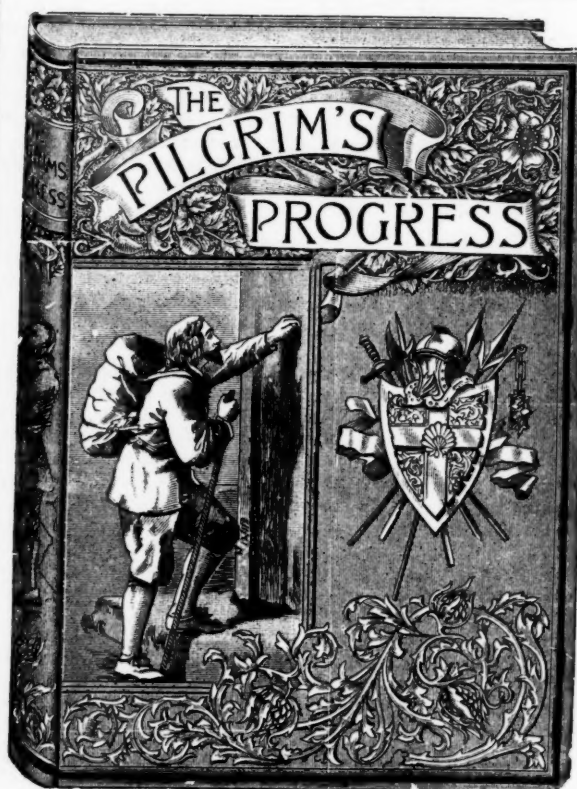
Saturday night Brother Verdrie Lovius brought a message on "Holiness" which was enjoyed by many. Sunday morning

was devoted to questions and answers on the Bible, which, no doubt, did a lot of honest hearts good. Sunday afternoon we had a real lively testimony service and music by the Bannister brothers, also some short discourses by Brother Lavender and Brother Holiday which were good.

Sunday night brought us together again with the power of God falling and real victory. Brother Noah Simpkins brought a wonderful message on "The

Union Between God and His Church." No doubt but what this message made many want to move up and bear much fruit so as not to be cut off and cast in the fire.

Brother Marcum said many good things and gave good instructions to the ministry. There were other ministers who spoke and said good things. May the Lord bless them all and may they remember the saints at this place in prayer.—A brother in the Church of God, G. W. Mes-ser.



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